

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling proppant flowback from a fracture in a subterranean zone comprising the steps of:
 - providing resin coated proppant;
 - providing tackifying composition;
 - ~~coating~~ contacting the tackifying composition ~~onto~~ with at least a portion of the resin coated proppant to create ~~tackified~~ tackified resin coated proppant;
 - introducing the ~~tackified~~ tackified resin coated proppant into a subterranean fracture; and[[,]]
 - allowing the ~~tackified~~ tackified resin coated proppant to substantially cure.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the resin coated proppant ~~comprises~~ is selected from the group consisting of a pre-cured resin-coated sand, a curable resin-coated sand, a curable resin-coated ceramics, a single-coat resin coated sand, dual-coat resin coated sand, or multi-coat resin coated sand, a single-coat resin coated ceramics, dual-coat resin coated ceramics, or multi-coat resin coated ceramic ceramics, or a single-coat resin coated bauxite, dual-coat resin coated bauxite, or multi-coat resin coated bauxite, and combinations thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the tackifying composition ~~comprises a polyamide, a polyester, a polycarbonate, polycarbamate, a natural resin, or a combination thereof~~ is selected from the group consisting of polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polycarbamates, natural resins, and combinations thereof.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the tackifying composition is ~~coated onto~~ contacted with the resin coated proppant on-the-fly.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of fracturing a subterranean formation comprising the steps of:
 - providing a fracturing fluid;
 - placing the fracturing fluid into a subterranean formation at a pressure sufficient to create or extend at least one fracture therein;

providing ~~tackified~~ tackified resin coated proppant:

placing the ~~tackified~~ tackified resin coated proppant into the subterranean fracture; and[[,]]

allowing the ~~tackified~~ tackified resin coated proppant to substantially cure.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the resin coated proppant ~~comprises a~~ is selected from the group consisting of pre-cured resin-coated sand, ~~a~~ curable resin-coated sand, ~~a~~ curable resin-coated ceramics, ~~a~~ single-coat resin coated sand, dual-coat resin coated sand, ~~or~~ multi-coat resin coated sand, ~~a~~ single-coat resin coated ceramics, dual-coat resin coated ceramics, ~~or~~ multi-coat resin coated ~~ceramic~~ ceramics, ~~or a~~ single-coat resin coated bauxite, dual-coat resin coated bauxite, ~~or~~ multi-coat resin coated bauxite, and combinations thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the tackified resin coated proppant was formed by contacting a tackifying composition with at least a portion of the resin coated proppant, the tackifying composition comprises a polyamide, a polyester, a polycarbonate, polycarbamate, a natural resin, or a combination thereof being selected from group consisting of polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polycarbamates, natural resins, and combinations thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[5]] 7 wherein the tackifying composition is ~~coated onto~~ contacted with the resin coated proppant on-the-fly.